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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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**In the application of :** Clapp, Terry V  
**Serial No. :** 09/993,823  
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**For :** Strip-Loaded Optical Waveguide  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 07, 2004**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed January 07, 2004 with reference to the above identified application it is requested the application be amended as detailed below.